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SUBJECT: UN PERSONNEL: APPOINTMENTS OF MAURICE WILLIAMS  
AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WORLD FOOD COUNCIL; SALAHUDDIN  
AHMED (BANGLADESH) AS DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. AT UN NOON PRESS BRIEFING JUNE 28 UN SPOKESMAN POWELL  
CONVEYED SYG'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT "NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL WILL BE THE CANADIAN-BORN AMERICAN  
MAURICE J. WILLIAMS - SUCCEEDING HANNAH WHO LEAVES AT END  
OF AUGUST; DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WILL BE BANGLADESH/  
SALAHUDDIN AHMED."

2. COMPLETE TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED SIMULTANEOUSLY  
FOLLOWS AT END OF MESSAGE.

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3. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH PRESS RELEASE REGARDING  
WILLIAMS' SELECTION WAS READY SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH NOON  
ANNOUNCEMENT, WHEREAS PRESS RELEASE REGARDING AHMED  
NOT YET READY AT TIME OF DRAFTING THIS TELEGRAM.

4. DURING COURSE OF THIS MORNING BANGLADESH DEPUTY

PERMANENT REP ACTING UPON INSTRUCTIONS TELEPHONED USUN TO INFORM US BANGLADESH HAS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW ITS CANDIDATE FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORSHIP OF WFC IN FAVOR OF MAURICE WILLIAMS "IN VIEW OF THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES."

5. USUN AT DEPARTMENT'S DIRECTION WILL BE HAPPY TO CARRY OUT WHATEVER APPROPRIATE GESTURE VIS-A-VIS BANGLADESH MISSION IS IN ORDER IN VIEW OF THEIR "FRIENDLY" MOVE.

6. FOR PARIS. PLEASE CONVEY USUN'S CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES TO MR. WILLIAMS.

7. BEGIN TEXT OF UN PRESS RELEASE

"SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM HAS DECIDED, AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL AND WITH THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO APPOINT MAURICE J. WILLIAMS TO THE POST OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL.

"HE SUCCEEDS JOHN A. HANNAH WHO WILL RETIRE AT THE END OF AUGUST.

"MR. WILLIAMS IS AT PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF THE DEVELOPMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT BEFORE ASSUMING THAT POST IN MARCH 1974, HE HAD A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND ROSE TO THE POSITION OF DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

"MR. WILLIAMS ACTED AS THE UNITED STATES CO-ORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL FOOD RELIEF AND REHABILITATION DURING THE 1970-1971 EMERGENCY IN INDIA AND BANGLADESH AND THE 1972-1974 DROUGHT IN AFRICA. HE IS A FOUNDER OF THE CLUB DU SAHEL. HE ASSISTED IN SECURING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. RECENTLY, HE PARTICIPATED IN A HIGH-LEVEL UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME PANEL TO CONSIDER FINANCING FOR THE UNITED NATIONS DESERTIFICATION PROGRAMME.

"MR. WILLIAMS WAS BORN IN CANADA IN 1920. HE SPECIALIZED IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, AFTER HAVING STUDIED AT THE

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER (UNITED KINGDOM) AND  
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

"HE IS MARRIED AND HAS THREE SONS." END TEXT PRESS  
RELEASE. LEONARD

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